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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application Of)
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Christopher J. ORDISH et al.) Group Art Unit: 2411
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Serial No.: 09/010,919) Examiner: Kalinowski, A.
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Filed: January 23, 1998) Atty. Dkt. No. 03432.73540
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For: **OFFER MATCHING SYSTEM**)

The Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the final Office Action dated April 13, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows. This amendment is filed with concurrently with a CPA and adds a new claim. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to debit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733 in the appropriate amount.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 96, 102, 105, and 109.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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FL* 43. (Twice Amended) A system for exchanging signals relating to at least a bid and an offer, the system comprising:

a network connected to workstations;

a first workstation of said workstations, said first workstation sending a first signal to said network signaling a bid in response to an initial offer ;

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